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I wish to thank you for your letter of January 11, 1955, concerning the proposed establishment of an organization to support the activities of the "Kampfgruppe gegen Unmenschlichkeit" and similar anti-Communist groups.

The very reasons which prompted your caution illustrate the complexity of such an undertaking and your comments are much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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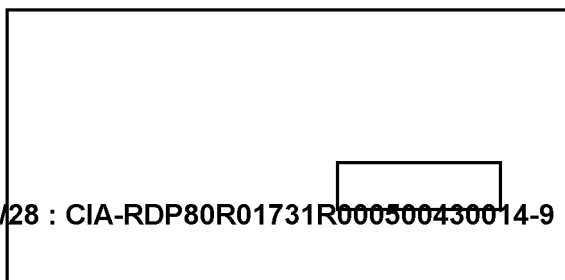
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January 11, 1955

Mr. Allen Dulles, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2132 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

This concerns the German anti-Communist organization known as the "Kampfgruppe Gegen Unmenschlichkeit".

Today I was approached by several gentlemen who knew of my familiarity with that organization and it was proposed that I assist them in raising funds in this country to father a parent organization to give real assistance to the KgU on a European-wide, possibly later world-wide basis. These gentlemen, whose names I do not feel free to divulge, were prepared to start such an organization with very substantial contributions and wanted my practical assistance in raising even more money. Apparently, the thought is that such an organization would supplement the propaganda effort of such organizations as the National Committee for Free Europe. They felt (as I do) that while the propaganda effort is of extremely great value, it cannot, of itself, change the course of events. A group giving direct assistance to the KgU and its equivalent organizations in the other Iron Curtain countries could be established without embarrassment to the United States Government. Further, assistance rendered those groups presently in the captive countries and actively resisting, would be the kind of assistance which might, in the future, pay real dividends. These people feel, again as I do, that little can be accomplished in assisting political refugees in this country who, by the very nature of their past political records, will be unacceptable to any resistance groups which might eventually be successful in throwing off the Communist yoke.

In discussing this proposal, or series of proposals, I gave freely of my advice but sparingly of any promises for help in raising funds or getting support for such an organization. I was reticent for several reasons, all of which are obvious to you:

(1) Such an undertaking, while directly implementing the Secretary of State's thoughts on liberation, could be politically explosive and extremely embarrassing unless it were to receive overall direction and coordination.

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(2) It would be an expensive undertaking.

(3) It would require most expert direction and intimate knowledge of security methods and information-gathering methods.

(4) Sums necessary for such a venture would have to be gathered either from wide, popular appeals or from Government sources in view of the limited contributions which men of wealth could make and their commitments to existing organizations.

I pass this information along to you, not only because I think you should have it, but also because it shows a trend of thinking among people of means and power and even methods similar to those which I outlined in an earlier proposal (that of last September).

Very best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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